

ADVANCE...

By: Lewis Nelms

On That Day...

An ANNUAL REPORT is provided for those who assist Gospelink with their prayer and financial support. The report briefly summarizes three areas: ministry, finances, and personnel. Rejoice with us in what the Lord has accomplished during the past year through your partnership.

By God's grace, Gospelink has enjoyed another year of growth. We are now assisting national preachers in 11 nations.

Our most recent addition is the nation of Vietnam. With new religious freedoms granted by the government, the "underground" house church movement has surfaced and is thriving. This new freedom has given governmental approval for the church to assemble, to preach and teach the Bible, and to build churches.

The first Vietnamese group which Gospelink has targeted to help consists of over 100 preachers, with another 400 more who are currently in training to pursue their calling. Their 500 house

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Advancing the Gospel Through Assisting National Preachers

Gospelink was established for the purpose of advancing the gospel throughout the world. It is our belief that this objective can be best accomplished by assisting national preachers who are actively involved in church planting and discipleship. Through prayer and financial assistance national preachers are empowered, their evangelistic outreach is enhanced and their church planting efforts are accelerated.

National preachers who have been selected for assistance have met all the necessary initial requisites of accountability. Their financial needs have been evaluated. Their morals, reputation, and character are exemplary. Their doctrinal beliefs are sound and their training and ministry experience are verified.

Once assistance has been initiated through Gospelink, the national preacher must continue to meet all the ongoing requisites of accountability in order to maintain this assistance. Ministry reports are submitted systematically and on-site evaluations are regularly conducted by the regional directors and Gospelink USA representatives.

Gospelink, Inc. was established as a mission organization in 1998. It is governed by those serving on the Board of Directors. As such, contributions and gifts are tax-deductible.

To learn more, visit www.gospelink.org or contact us by phone at (434) 485-7007. You may also write us at: Gospelink - P.O. Box 4299 - Lynchburg, VA 24502.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS NEEDED

Will your church hold a Vacation Bible School this summer?

Could they direct their mission offering to help with Gospelink's ministry projects overseas?

Complete the form on [page 15](#) or call Gospelink for details at:

434-485-7007

HAVE YOU UPDATED YOUR RECORDS?

Gospelink has moved to Virginia.
Our new mailing address is:

**GOSPELINK
P.O. Box 4299
LYNCHBURG, VA 24502**

Our new phone numbers are:

**(Phone) 434-485-7007
(FAX) 434-485-7008**

churches comprise over 20,000 believers and are strongly evangelistic.

Vietnam is a nation of 85 million people, the majority of whom are entrenched in Buddhism and ancestral worship. With temporary rest from governmental persecution, we expect the church to multiply greatly.

The number of national preachers being assisted continues to grow. During the past year, Gospelink began assisting an additional 79 preachers, bringing the total to 1,100. That's one preacher every five days! This represents a 7% increase in the number of preachers being assisted through our mission.

Evangelism continues to be a major emphasis for these preachers. As a mission, we try to track three categories on each preacher's quarterly report: the number of new areas evangelized, the number of public professions of faith in Christ, and the number of new churches started.

Concerning the first category, the national preachers were able to evangelize 16,513 new areas during 2008. That's 45 every day!

Concerning the second category, the national preachers reported 422,902 public professions of faith through their witnessing and preaching during 2008. That's 48 every hour!

Concerning the third category, the national preachers assisted through Gospelink started

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to those who have begun
assisting a national preacher
with a
MINISTRY SPONSORSHIP:

Jeff and Linda Arrandale
 Pastor Phillibert Mbewe
 Malawi

James Nelson
 Pastor Abraham Somba
 Malawi

Dave Lubbers
 Pastor Abraham Somba
 Malawi

Brad and Belinda McAninch
 Pastor Phillibert Mbewe
 Malawi

Sean and Amy Sabino
 Pastor Shadreck Chinyama
 Malawi

John and Sharon Edwards
 Pastor Anatolli Chubakov
 Russia

Steve and Linda Thigpen
 Pastor Squaretone Mpumila
 Malawi

Ronnie and Renate Hood
 Pastor Dmitriy Isaev
 Ukraine

Barbara Burdette
 Pastor Harrington Kangwa
 Zambia

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The first three charts identify the ministry work of the median national preacher who is being assisted through Gospelink. These charts summarize the number of areas evangelized, the number of reported conversions, and the number of churches started by the median preacher. For comparison purposes, each chart covers an eight year time period.

Chart 1
Median Number of New Areas Evangelized

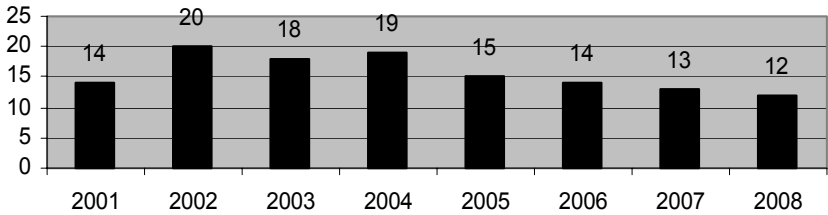


Chart 2
Median Number of Salvations Reported

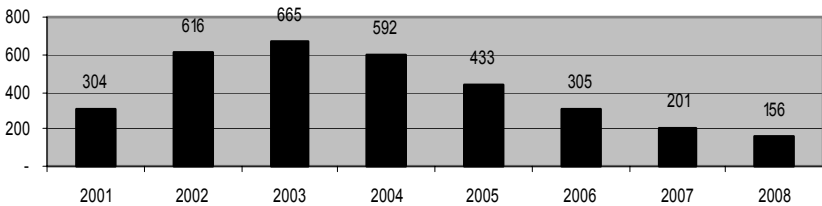
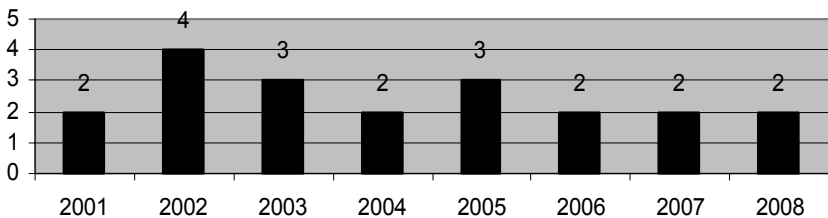


Chart 3
Median Number of New Churches Planted



THE NATIONAL PREACHER SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

...linking Christians in America with national preachers across the world

Why Gospelink helps national preachers...

National preachers have many advantages in taking the gospel to their own people. Every national preacher sponsored through Gospelink has already been trained, has helped to establish at least one church, and is actively involved in evangelism, discipleship, and church planting. Their morals, work ethic, spiritual reputation, and physical needs have all been verified. With monthly prayer and financial support, they will be able to increase their outreach and accelerate their church planting efforts.

Because the Lord's return is drawing closer and the unfinished task remains so extensive, would you pray about what part you might have in helping one of these national preachers advance the gospel in their area of the world? Whatever they accomplish will be fruit that abounds to your account, also.

How Gospelink helps national preachers...

Gospelink seeks to secure five sponsorships for each national preacher: three Ministry Sponsorships (\$35 per month each), one Outreach Sponsorship (\$25 per month), and one Training Sponsorship (\$15 per month).

The Ministry Sponsorship funds are used to help the preacher with the basic needs of his family, such as food, clothing, shelter, medicine, and his children's education. The Outreach Sponsorship funds are used to assist the preacher in evangelism and in providing important outreach materials, such as, Bibles and gospel literature. The Training Sponsorship funds are used to help cover the costs of national and regional training opportunities and to provide study materials and curriculum. Please look over the profiles of the preachers (located on pages 6 and 7) and pray about your involvement.

***How shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed?
And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard?
And how shall they hear without a preacher?
And how shall they preach, except they be sent?***

Romans 10:14,15



CHAMANGA FAMILY

**Malawi
(Southern Region)**

Pastor: Henry
Spouse: Elena
Child 1: Estre
Child 2: Godfully
Child 3: Isake

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

I grew up in a Christian family, where my father was an elder at the church we attended. However, I chose to partake in many sinful practices. I turned my back on the church and lived in bondage to alcohol, adultery and witchcraft. I listened to Satan's lies and convinced myself that church was only for educated people and white men. I hated Christians and considered pastors, teachers, and other Christian leaders as my enemies. One day, I was visited by a pastor who asked to share God's Word with me. Strangely, I chose to accept his offer. As he spoke, God opened my eyes and softened my heart. Touched by the Holy Spirit, I immediately confessed and repented of my sins. That day, I accepted Jesus Christ as my personal Savior and Lord.

My wife, Elena, did not know the difference between saying you were a Christian and being a true believer. She enjoyed spreading gossip and was known for being unapproachable. After I received salvation, Elena was introduced to genuine Bible study, prayer, and teaching. God opened her eyes to the sin in her life, and she felt sorrow for the way she had been living. Elena confessed her sins and accepted Jesus as her One and Only Lord.

As I continued to grow in my faith, I felt that the Lord was preparing me for full-time ministry. After much prayer and godly counsel, I decided to partake in Biblical training. With the help of many wise leaders, I was made fully equipped to share His Word with others more effectively. Over the years I have seen many people come to know the Lord as their Savior through my ministry. Together, Elena and I continue to joyously serve our Lord until the day we are able to glorify His name in heaven.

Sponsorships needed: 3 Ministry; 1 Outreach; 1 Training

CHARLES FAMILY

**Tanzania
(Shinyanga Region)**

Pastor: Nobert
Spouse: Felista

Child 1: Samson
Child 2: Veronica
Child 3: Noah



BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

I was born into a family that worshipped many gods, such as animals and trees. We visited a big tree to worship because we believed that God existed in that tree. I went there many times because I believed that from that tree I would get blessing, healing, and protection. I also believed that nothing good could happen without going to that tree. One day a missionary came to our village and was looking for land to build a church. He bought the same place where I went to worship, and he cut down the tree. But, the missionary did not die or even become sick. This caused me to question if my god was true. Next, he began to visit our homes. When he came to my house, he told me that Jesus was the Savior for all people. As he talked, my eyes were opened to the truth and I received Jesus as my Lord and Savior.

My wife, Felista, had no hope in her life, and she was unhappy every day. She did many evil deeds. Her selfishness kept her from having friends which made her very lonely. One day when she was on her way home from work, Felista heard a voice coming over a loud speaker. She stopped at the meeting and heard the preacher say that there is hope if you believe and trust in Jesus Christ. She was moved by the message and went forward to repent of her sin and to accept Jesus as her Savior. After her salvation, Felista's life was changed completely. Now my wife serves Jesus as her Lord.

God called me to His ministry while I was at Bible school. My heart was burning for lost people, and I had a passion to preach God's Word to them. After I completed my studies, I opened a church and started preaching everywhere around the villages. I am committed to serve God with my whole life.

Sponsorships needed: 3 Ministry; 1 Outreach; 1 Training

I would like to **CONNECT** with a national preacher



through Gospelink's Sponsorship Program!

(PLEASE PRINT)

First Name: _____ Spouse: _____

Last Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Send free newsletter: via regular mail
 via email at: _____

I would like to **CONNECT** with a national preacher's:

- Ministry Sponsorship (#1) \$35.00 per month
- Ministry Sponsorship (#2) \$35.00 per month
- Ministry Sponsorship (#3) \$35.00 per month
- Outreach Sponsorship \$25.00 per month
- Training Sponsorship \$15.00 per month

I would like to assist the following preacher and his family:

- CHAMANGA Family**
- CHARLES Family**

If my preacher has already been connected with another family:

- Please assign me another national preacher.
- Please contact me for further instructions.

Please Note...

Each sponsorship for a national preacher is a monthly commitment. If a sponsor must terminate their assistance, they should try to give as much notice as possible so efforts can be made to locate another sponsor for their preacher. Sponsors will receive a profile on their preacher, prayer cards, bookmarks, quarterly ministry reports and occasional photographs. All preachers must comply with Gospelink's local, regional, national and international accountability procedures in order to maintain their sponsorship.

(If the first sponsorship donation is included, make check payable to Gospelink)

Complete and remove this page and mail it to:

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The remaining three charts identify the grand totals reported by the national preachers since the year 2000 for the same three ministry categories listed on [page 4](#).

Chart 4
Reported New Areas Evangelized Per Year

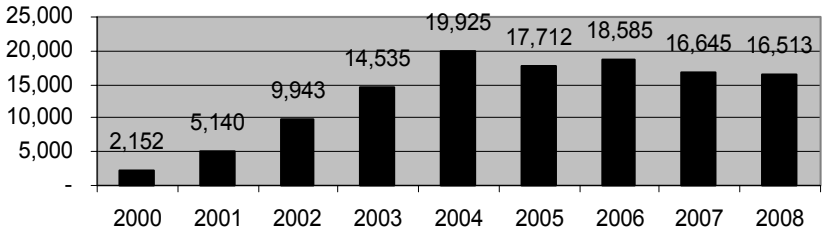


Chart 5
Reported Salvations Per Year
(in thousands)

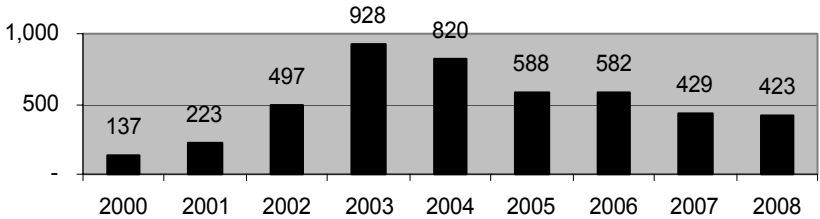
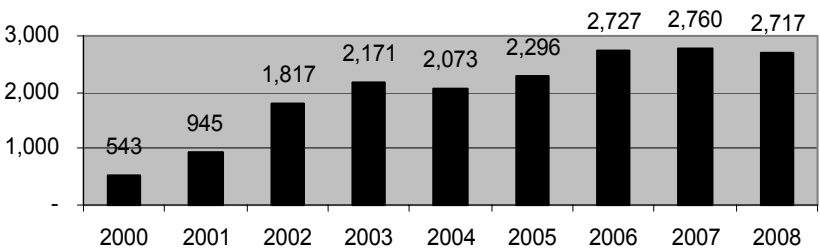


Chart 6
Reported Churches Planted Per Year



2,717 new churches during 2008.

That's seven per day!

During 2008, the median preacher assisted through Gospelink evangelized 12 new areas, led 156 people to salvation, and started two churches. *(Though substantial, these statistics are lower than in previous years due to increasing area "saturation", which requires traveling greater distances to present the gospel, and Gospelink's emphasis on "more difficult" nations.)*

At Gospelink, we are extremely hopeful about the future. During the next twelve months, the preachers assisted through Gospelink will be involved in over 2 million hours of ministry work! Just imagine what will be accomplished!

The second part of the Annual Report is a financial summary. The total funds received by Gospelink during 2008 increased by nearly 12% over the previous year, with the total sponsorships increasing by 17%. As our nation's economic situation continues to be a source of concern, we are not only thankful for God's sustaining help, but also for the growth He provided.

Finally, attention should be directed to those who perform the various tasks of the mission. Gospelink currently has a staff of fourteen in the USA, as well as three families serving internationally. Others are stepping forward as the mission continues to grow. We are particularly excited about

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with a
MINISTRY SPONSORSHIP:

Hubert McMinn
Pastor Oudney Gama
Malawi

Jack and Dawn Pumphrey
Pastor Pedro Manuel
Mozambique

Herman and Mary Jane Murray
Pastor Reonaldo Branco
Mozambique

Shelba McWha
Pastor Abraham Muthukrishnan
India

Reva Woodard
Pastor Clement Kilume
Democratic Republic of Congo

Priestly and Tamara Mance
Pastor Labson Chadzela
Malawi

Martha Stephens
Pastor Daudi Jeremosi
Tanzania

Tony and Newell Irlie
Pastor Sonny Gunya
Malawi

Doris Biechler
Pastor Pascale Mukuka
Zambia

our newest missionary family, Paul and Lori Schlick, who this month began serving at the International Bible College in Zambia.

I recently received a mailing which contained an article entitled, "Three things you will NOT hear on the Day of Judgment." First, the writer stated that on the Day of Judgment no one will say, "There is no God." They will see Him in all His glory! Second, on the Day of Judgment, no one will say, "One religion is as good as another." Redemption through the blood of Christ will be the only issue, not religion. Third, on the Day of Judgment, no one will say, "I regret that I did my best to follow Jesus faithfully." Everyone will hope to hear the words, "Well done, My good and faithful servant."

However, let me add a fourth statement to the list above. On the Day of Judgment, no one will say, "I regret the sacrifices I made in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ and for the cause of God's Kingdom." Every sacrifice made by every believer will be a source of rejoicing for the host of heaven. Imagine the praises to God which will resound then, in response to the sacrifices being made now! Prudence demands personal evaluation. Every believer should ask, "What more can I sacrifice for Christ?"

With that in mind, thank you for each sacrifice you have made in the name of the Lord and for His Kingdom. Pray with us that the Lord will grant Gospelink another fruitful year.

**THANK YOU
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assisting a national preacher
with a
MINISTRY SPONSORSHIP:**

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Brian and Judy Caviggiola
Pastor Samuel Simbikangwa
Democratic Republic of Congo

—————
Tedi Cromer
Pastor White Mudenda
Zimbabwe

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John and Linda Griffin
Pastor Domingos Domingos
Mozambique

—————
Ben and Sandie Clayton
Pastor Evanson Banda
Mozambique

—————
Mary Jo Davis
Pastor Vladimir Rodimyuk
Ukraine

—————
Marc and Chris Hauge
Pastor Edward Michael
Tanzania

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Billy and Annabeth Goodwin
Pastor Captain Leward
Zambia

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Rebecca Chow
Pastor Jonas Silwamba
Zambia

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Catherine Brunson-Robinson
Pastor Pascale Mukuka
Zambia



THE CURRENT NEED

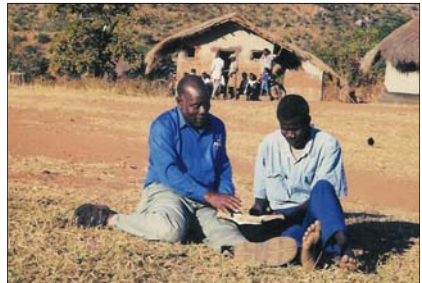
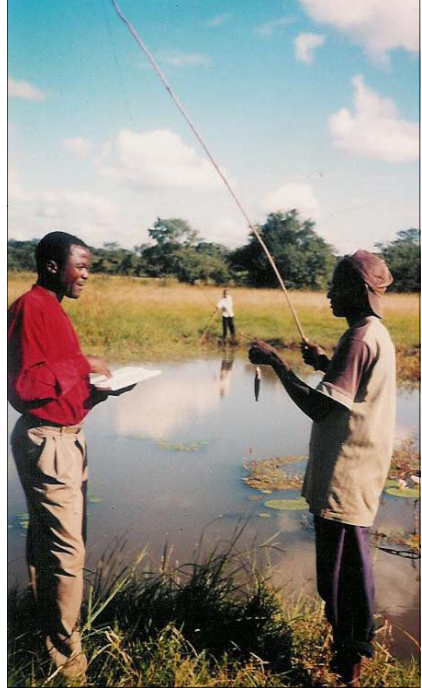
...unto Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all we ask

Well Pump for Zambia

The Bible college in Zambia is in full session; groups of preachers have arrived for distant learning courses; and, the USA teams are there to help with various construction projects. However, the well pump which provides all the water for drinking, sanitation, gardens, and building projects has broken. The college cannot operate without this piece of equipment. To accommodate these groups, we had to move ahead on a replacement. The cost was about \$1,500 for the pump and supplies needed to restore the well to functional capacity. If you can help, complete [page 15](#).

An 800 Ton Miracle

With the backhoe at the Zambia Bible college in need of repair, staying on schedule with the construction projects this summer was going to be a challenge. The fill dirt for the 20 foundations would need to be secured one wheelbarrow load at a time! The Lord came to our aid. A [Zambian company](#) donated 800 tons of quarry dust (valued at over \$10,000) to the college, which could be used for this purpose. All we need to do is to cover the fuel cost for the transport. If you can help, complete [page 15](#).



Did You Know?

This past year, the “median” national preacher assisted through Gospelink evangelized 12 new areas, led 156 people to Christ, and established 2 churches.

Orphan Sponsorships

Orphan sponsorships are now available through Gospelink. These sponsorships are \$30.00 per month. Sponsors will receive biographical information on the orphan they sponsor, as well as a quarterly letter. If you would like to assist an orphan with a sponsorship, complete [page 15](#).

IBC Student Fund

Though they must participate in the work scholarship program, every African student enrolled at the International Bible College in Zambia is allowed to attend free of charge to be trained for the ministry. In order to make this possible, funds are still needed for the first year. If you can help, complete [page 15](#).

Overseas Container

Another 40' container is ready to be shipped to Zambia. It will contain numerous supplies for use at the Bible College and for outreach. About \$8,000 is still needed to cover the container purchase / shipment. The deadline for departure is July 31. If you can help, complete [page 15](#).

Backhoe Repair

The backhoe, which is vital for the continuing construction projects at the Bible College in Zambia is in need of repair. The estimated cost is \$5,000. If you can help, complete [page 15](#).

THANK YOU

**to those who have given
to help purchase
Mosquito Nets:**

Rose Freeland
Florida

John and Rhonda Counes
Florida

Bill and Mabel Presnell
Georgia

Charlotte Jennings
Florida

Blessed Hope Bible Church
Pennsylvania

Patricia Bartlett
Illinois

Joyce Arrieta
Florida

Nancy Wright
Iowa

Don and Janice Hamby
Georgia

Steve and Jeanne Selby
Florida

Kermit and Virginia Iserhardt
Kansas

David and Jamie McCoy
Florida

TWO VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL PROJECTS

This summer, Gospelink is once again sending teams from the USA to Africa. The teams will be involved in all types of evangelism and ministry projects. Thousands will be reached with the gospel. For maximum effectiveness, various outreach supplies are needed.

If your church is conducting a Vacation Bible School this year, would you consider directing your offering toward one of the projects listed below? Participating churches will receive photographs showing how their funds were used. Contact Gospelink for more details, or complete the form on page 15 to let us know of your desire to help.

PROJECT 1

Cost: \$300

Provides the funds needed to evangelize one elementary school in Africa. Supplies will include: Bibles, gospel literature, and sports equipment.

PROJECT 2

Cost: \$400

Provides the funds needed to purchase the basic food and educational supplies for one month at one orphanage. (Any excess funds will be used for blankets, clothing, or toys.)

Many Thanks...

**to those who have given to
Two or More Projects in
The Current Need:**

Guna Magnuson
Nebraska

Sharon Cristie
Florida

Donna Whitehouse
Kansas

Wayne and Cathie Catanzaro
South Dakota

Mark and Cindy Flinchbaugh
Pennsylvania

Harold and Helen Eben
Iowa

Kris and Jennifer Bjorgen
South Carolina

Lindy and Jeanette McTier
Georgia

Amy Banwart
Iowa

Julie Buckingham
Alabama

Joseph Podkanowicz
Illinois

Nelson and Carolyn Bedingfield
Georgia

I would like to assist with...THE CURRENT NEED!



(PLEASE PRINT)

First Name: _____ Spouse: _____

Last Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone #: _____

I would like to help with a *Current Need* project this month:

- 01. Zambia Bible College Building Fund Enclosed \$ _____
- 02. Zambia Bible College Student Fund Enclosed \$ _____
- 03. Zambia Bible College Well Pump Enclosed \$ _____
- 04. Zambia Bible College Backhoe Repair Enclosed \$ _____
- 05. Overseas Container Shipment Enclosed \$ _____
- 06. Fuel for Transport of Quarry Dust Enclosed \$ _____
- 07. Preachers' Widows Fund Enclosed \$ _____
- 08. Preachers' Contingency Fund Enclosed \$ _____
- 09. Bibles (for new converts) Enclosed \$ _____
- 10. Hunger Relief Fund Enclosed \$ _____
- 11. Wherever Needed Most Enclosed \$ _____

Please contact me with information about helping with a 2009 Vacation Bible School project.

I want to help an orphan with a sponsorship at \$30.00 per month, beginning in the month of _____. Please send me my sponsor materials. My preference is: Girl / Boy

Complete and remove this page.

Enclose your *Current Need* donation and mail it to:

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